

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 382  
By Turner (Ham)

A RESOLUTION to recognize Mr. Kenneth V. Farmer on the  
occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those persons who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kenneth V. Farmer is one such estimable person who has served with probity for 30 years with the Chattanooga Fire Department, beginning on October 1, 1969 until his retirement on December 30, 1999; and

WHEREAS, shortly after beginning his employment with the City of Chattanooga, Mr. Farmer began to climb the "ladder" of success, he was promoted to relief driver, in 1973 to Lieutenant, and in 1976 to Captain; and

WHEREAS, in 1986, Ken Farmer assumed the title of Commander II, and five months later was promoted to Commander I and transferred to the #8 Engine, Green Shift; and

WHEREAS, he was promoted to Assistant Chief in November of 1995 and was subsequently transferred to District 2, Blue Shift; in March 1999, Mr. Farmer transferred to District 2, Red Shift where he worked diligently until his retirement on December 30th of that year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Farmer is an active and important part of the community and his profession; and

WHEREAS, as an experienced angler with a great love of fishing, Ken has been competing for over 22 years in fishing tournaments, having fished throughout the Southeast United States and Canada with the Chattanooga Bass Association, the Hungry Fisherman's Bass Tournaments, and BASS; and

WHEREAS, Ken has won three bass boats and numerous cash prizes, and has shared his favorite fishing spots with famous celebrities and pro-fishing personalities as a guide on Lake Chickamauga; he has also shared the localities of his secret spots to the likes of Mark Hamill, Hank Parker, and Roland Martin, just to name a few; and

WHEREAS, Ken plans to spend most of his retirement hunting and fishing; he has already made several hunting trips to Colorado and Arkansas and killed his first Elk on a recent Colorado hunting trip; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Farmer exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family, community, and being in the Great Outdoors that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Ken Farmer enjoys the love and companionship of his devoted wife of 31 years, Wanda and is the proud father of three daughters and sons-in-law, Kathy and Robert Lewallen, Karen and Rick Pain, and Karla and Jumbo Green; and

WHEREAS, Ken is the doting grandfather of five grandchildren, Brooks, Jarred, Jarrod, Bivens, and Taylor, and five step-grandchildren, Rebecca, Brad, Brian, Travis, and Hillary; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Farmer has demonstrated a remarkable ability to motivate others to reach their potential, winning the unbridled respect, and admiration of his peers; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we extend to Mr. Kenneth V. Farmer our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.